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## G.O. No. 107, 25th January 1949

Committees—Taluk Food Committees—Reconstitution—Orders issued.

READ—the following paper:—

G.O. Ms. No. 1047, Food, dated the 19th November 1948.

**Order—No. 107, Food, dated 25th January 1949.**

In view of the decision to reintroduce controls over foodgrains and other foodstuffs the Government in the Government Order cited, ordered the reconstitution of the District Food Committees and the revival of the Rationing Advisory Committees. The Government have since decided to reconstitute Taluk Food Committees also in all the districts of the Province.

2. The constitution of the Taluk Food Committees, the travelling allowance admissible to the non-official members, etc., are specified in the Annexure to this order. The functions of these committees will be to bring to the notice of the Revenue Divisional Officer (1) the adequacy or otherwise of the foodgrain stocks in the taluk, (2) problems of a general nature either in regard to procurement or distribution of foodgrains and other allied matters, and (3) to advise the Revenue Divisional Officer on such matters relating to food administration and other allied questions as he may in his discretion place before it from time to time.

3. The Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) is requested to issue immediately instructions to the Collectors to give effect to the above orders. A report should be submitted to the Government by the Board in due course on the action taken by the Collectors in this regard.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

M. A. KUTTALALINGAM PILLAI,
*Secretary to Government.*

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### ANNEXURE.

#### I. MEMBERS.

The Taluk Food Committees will be reconstituted with the following members:—

*Ex-officio members.*

(1) Revenue Divisional Officer (President).
(2) Tahsildar (Secretary).
(3) Members of the Madras Legislative Assembly and Council representing the area.
(4) Agricultural Demonstrator in the area.
(5) Subdivisional Officer, P.W.D., in charge of Irrigation.
(6) The Taluk Supply Officer.

*Non-official members.*

(7) One representative from the merchants.

(8) Two representatives from the landlords (one from the richer landlords and the other from smaller landlords).

(9) One representative from the Agricultural Labourers' Association if any functioning in the taluk or from the Taluk Kisan Organization.

(10) One lady representative from among the educated lady pattadars from the area.

(11) One representative from the Harijans.

(12) The President of the Taluk Congress Committee.

1. The non-official members will be selected by the Revenue Divisional Officer with the approval of the Collector.

2. The representative from the merchants should be from among the wholesalers including co-operative institutions preferably those associated in the past with procurement operations as group collecting agents and who have been of special assistance to the Government in that regard. Of the two representatives from the landlords, one will be selected from among the producers classed as A, under the Bonus Scheme of 1947 and the other from among the B and C class producers put together, the selection being made with due regard to the degree of co-operation received from the producers in the past in the procurement drive. If there is no A class producer in the Taluk any other big producer may be selected.

3. The Taluk Supply Officer will function as Secretary of the Committee in the absence of the Tahsildar. A member of the Legislature representing one or more taluks or districts may be a member of each of the Taluk Committees in the taluks and the districts he represents. The Tahsildar may preside over meetings of the Committee in the absence of the Revenue Divisional Officer.

4. The Revenue Divisional Officer will have discretion to co-opt one or more members whether official or non-official with the approval of the Collector to the Taluk Food Committee provided he considers that the special interests or the local conditions demand it. He has also the discretion to decide whether co-option once made should continue or be restricted to any one meeting.

5. While selecting non-official members, it should be seen that each firka is represented on the Committee by at least one member. For this purpose, members of the Legislature also should be taken as non-official members.

## II. General.

Persons who have not attained majority or who are convicted of offences relating to foodgrains or other control orders or involving moral turpitude are not eligible to become members of the Taluk Food Committee.

These committees will ordinarily meet once in a month. The Secretary may in consultation with the President convene a special meeting whenever necessary. Any non-official member of the Taluk Food Committee who absents himself for more than five consecutive meetings of the Committee is liable to be removed from the membership of the Committee. Similarly, any non-official member who misconducts himself in any way is liable to be removed. The Revenue Divisional Officer can order such removals with the approval of the Collector. The instructions issued by the Government and the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and the Collector from time to time shall be binding on the Committee.

The Revenue Divisional Officer should submit regularly and properly the reports of the proceedings of the Taluk Food Committee meetings to the Collector.

*Quorum.*—More than half the non-official members excluding the ex-officio and co-opted members should be present to constitute the quorum for a meeting of the Taluk Food Committee.

*Travelling Allowance.*—Non-official members of Taluk Food Committees including the co-opted members living 5 miles beyond headquarters will be allowed travelling allowance for attending the meetings of the Committee as shown below :

*Railway Fare.*—One Intermediate fare (or II class if Inter accommodation is not available on the line).

*Mileage.*—Annas 3 per mile.

*Daily allowance.*—Rs. 1-14-0 per diem.